



## DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

### Rural Business-Cooperative Service

[Docket No. RBS-22-NONE-0017]

#### 60-Day Notice of Proposed Information Collection: Socially-Disadvantaged Groups

Grant; OMB Control No.: 0570-0052

**AGENCY:** Rural Business-Cooperative Service, Agriculture (USDA).

**ACTION:** Notice; request for comments.

**SUMMARY:** In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA), Rural Business-Cooperative Service (RB-CS), announces its' intention to request an extension of a currently approved information collection and invites comments on this information collection.

**DATES:** Comments on this notice must be received by **[INSERT DATE 60 DAYS AFTER DATE OF PUBLICATION IN THE FEDERAL REGISTER]** to be assured of consideration.

**ADDRESSES:** Comments may be submitted electronically by the Federal eRulemaking Portal: Go to <https://www.regulations.gov> and, in the "Search Field" box, labeled "Search for Rules, Proposed Rules, Notices or Supporting Documents," enter the following docket number: (RBS-22-NONE-0017). To submit or view public comments, click the "Search" button, select the "Documents" tab, then select the following document title: (60-Day Notice of Proposed Information Collection: Socially-Disadvantaged Groups Grant; OMB Control No.: 0570-0052) from the "Search Results" and select the "Comment" button. Before inputting your comments, you may also review the "Commenter's Checklist" (optional). Insert your comments under the "Comment" title, click "Browse" to attach files (if available). Input your email address and select "Submit Comment."

Information on using Regulations.gov, including instructions for accessing documents, submitting comments, and viewing the docket after the close of the comment period, is available through the site's "FAQ" link.

Other Information: Additional information about Rural Development and its programs is available on the Internet at <https://www.rd.usda.gov>.

All comments will be available for public inspection online at the Federal eRulemaking Portal (<https://www.regulations.gov>).

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**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The Office of Management and Budget's (OMB) regulation (5 CFR part 1320) implementing provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (Pub. L. 104-13) requires that interested members of the public and affected agencies have an opportunity to comment on information collection and recordkeeping activities (*see*, 5 CFR 1320.8(d)). This notice identifies the following information collection that RB-CS is submitting to OMB as extension to an existing collection with Agency adjustment.

*Title:* Socially-Disadvantaged Groups Grant.

*OMB Number:* 0570-0052.

*Expiration Date of Approval:* November 30, 2022.

*Type of Request:* Extension of a currently approved information collection.

*Estimate of Burden:* Public reporting burden for this collection of information is estimated to average 18.75 hours per response.

*Respondents:* Provide technical assistance to socially-disadvantaged groups through eligible cooperatives and cooperative development centers.

*Estimated Number of Respondents:* 40.

*Estimated Number of Responses per Respondent:* 1.

*Estimated Total Annual Burden on Respondents:* 668 hours.

*Abstract:* The SDGG program was authorized by the Federal Agriculture Improvement and Reform Act of 2006 (Section 2744), and further updated by the Federal Agricultural Improvement and Reform Act of 2009 (Section 310B (e)) of the Consolidated Farm and Rural Development Act (7 U.S.C. 1932). The Act enables the Secretary of Agriculture to make grants to cooperatives, groups of cooperatives, and cooperative development centers where a majority of the board of directors or governing board is comprised of individuals who are members of socially disadvantaged groups and whose primary focus is to provide assistance to socially-disadvantaged groups. The reporting burden covered by this collection of information consists of forms, documents and written burden to support a request for funding for a Socially-Disadvantaged Group Grant.

*Comments are invited on:*

(a) Whether the collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information will have practical utility;

(b) the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the collection of information including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used;

(c) ways to enhance the quality, utility and clarity of the information to be collected; and

(d) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on respondents, including through the use of appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other

technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology. All responses to this notice will be summarized and included in the request for OMB approval. All comments will become a matter of public record.

Copies of this information collection can be obtained from Crystal Pemberton, Rural Development Innovation Center – Regulations Management Division, at (202) 260-8621. E-mail: [Crystal.Pemberton@usda.gov](mailto:Crystal.Pemberton@usda.gov).

All responses to this notice will be summarized and included in the request for OMB approval. All comments will also become a matter of public record.

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